**Legislation on Prevention of domestic violence etc.**

1608. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any legislation on prevention of domestic violence, to contain harassment over dowry and for giving birth to daughters; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Department of Women and Child Development is considering enactment of a legislation to prevent domestic violence against women. The relevant Bill will be brought before Parliament after its provisions are finalised in consultation with the concerned Ministries/ Departments.

**Corruption cases pending in various courts**

†1609. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases related to corruption are pending in various courts of the country;

(b) if so, the total number of pending cases in the Supreme Court and the various High Courts at the end of March, 2001; and

(c) the number of such cases which are lying pending in the courts for the last five or more years?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total number of pending cases related to Prevention of Corruption Act in the Supreme Court as on 31.3.2001 is 91. Out of the above, the number of cases which have been pending in the Supreme Court for the last five years of more, as on 31.7.2001 is 7. These cases are listed before the Hon'ble Court on priority.

The information regarding High Courts is not readily available. The requisite information in respect of corruption cases pending in High Courts is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.